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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
ELECTRONICALLY PROCESSING
INVOICE INFORMATION**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the Title, prior to the first paragraph, please add the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/161,892 filed September 28, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,298,218, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 08/769,774, filed December 18, 1996.

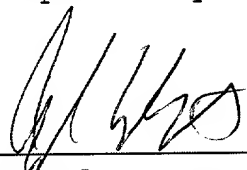
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel claims 1-58 and 66-84 before calculating the filing fees.

REMARKS

This amendment enters the required continuing status information into the application and reduces the number of claims for fee calculation purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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